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For: DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, PROTEIN
THEREOF, EVALUATION METHOD AND
EVALUATION KIT FOR EVALUATING
ONSET POSSIBILITY OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS BY USING THOSE, AND
REMEDY AND CURING MEDICINE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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References CA and CB, listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in an Office Action mailed from the Japanese Patent Office on September 30, 2008, in

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